

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.1
Historic Name:	Rogers, Capt. Abner Lincoln House
Common Name:	
Address:	155 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	20-125
Year Constructed:	r 1890
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Victorian Eclectic
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Assessor's
Number

20/125

USGS Quad

Orleans

Area(s)

Form Number

1

Town

Eastham

Neighborhood or village)

155 State Highway

Common Name

Present

Residential

Original

"

Construction

Between 1880
and 1908

See Bibliography*

Form

Gable-end, side entry
with Queen Anne detail.

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim

Shingles

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Free-standing barn; free-standing shed.

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

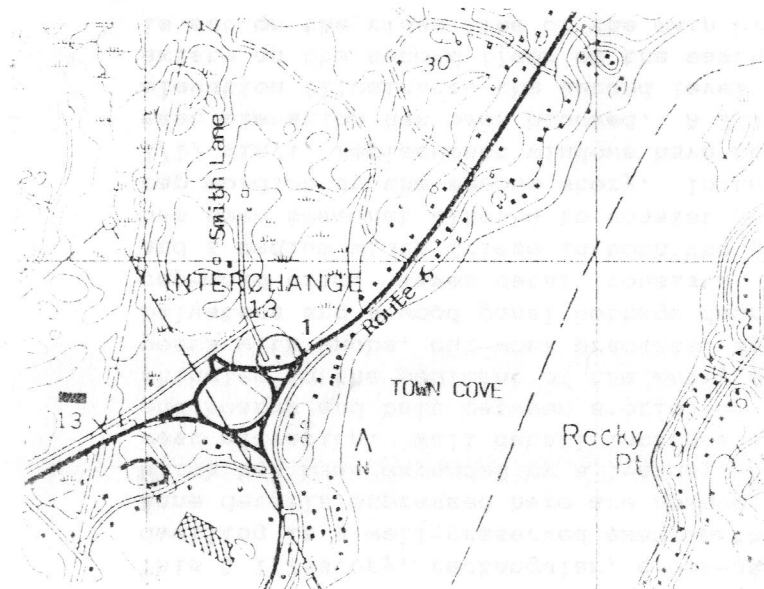
Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

.46 Acres

have been completed. Label street including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.



Recorded by: Dianne L. Siergiej

Organization: Commonwealth Collaborative

Date: February 1995

Setting Located on a lot with 2 other, associated parcels totaling 2.92 acres that face the Route 6 rotary at the Orleans/Eastham border and are intersected by Smith Lane.

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BUILDING FORM

155 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, rectangular, cross-gable, 2 x 2 bay, gable-end, side-entry dwelling is a well-preserved example this very-common, house form. The Queen Anne details expressed here are however relatively rare to Eastham. The main block has been expanded by a 1-story, rear ell with a secondary entry on the west elevation. Wall detail includes a hip-roofed, square bay on the facade, end boards and belt between stories at lintel level and fish scale, decorative shingles in the pediment of the entry gable. The small entry porch has turned posts with knobs, cut-work brackets, spindles along the porch frieze, spindle balusters and a wood panel cottage door with square light set in an entry with cap-mold trim. Eaves detail consists of a molded, boxed cornice with returns and a medium-width frieze in both the gable and side elevations. Fenestration has been somewhat altered to consist principally of 2/1, double-hung sash with cap molding on the second story. In the first floor of the east, cross gable, 1/1, vinyl, replacement windows have been installed. One window bay on the east elevation has been blocked. A 3/3, fixed-sash window also on the east elevation illuminates the second level and a 3/3, double-hung sash window has exists on the second floor of the eastern cross gable. The interior chimney is set on the ridge line of the main block.

Also on the lot are a period, 2-bay barn with cupola, board and batten entries set beneath a single, 6/6, double-hung sash window and a modern, free-standing, storage shed.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to local historian, Howard Quinn, this property was subdivided from a larger holding of the Smith family that occupied a considerable area on the Eastham/Orleans boundary line. Research completed in 1991 by Nancy Heller of the Eastham Historical Society traces this property to Abner Lincoln Rogers (b. Orleans, April 16, 1840), a sea captain who by the turn of the century had become a farmer. In 1897, Abner L. Rogers paid \$400 for 2 parcels of land: 1 3/4- acre lot with a house and 4+ acres with a barn and other buildings from his mother and brothers-in-law, Hittie Smith and Heman Smith, Obed C. Smith of Orleans, John M. Smith and Zelotes Smith of Orleans.

The son of Eastham natives, Zuba (Knowles) and Lincoln Rogers, a shoemaker, Abner Rogers went to sea as a cook on a coasting vessel at the age of nine. After six years, he returned home to complete his schooling. He again went to sea three years later. Learning navigation as well as seamanship, Abner Rogers became master mariner. He prospered commanding vessels in which he also held a financial interest. In 1891, however, the loss of a vessel not under his command, but in which he had invested, prompted him to abandon sea faring and turn his interests ashore. The perils of seafaring had been

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 X Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

previously brought home when Abner Rogers' brother, Knowles Rogers, was lost at sea a age twenty-one.

On November 29, 1866, Abner L. Rogers married Hannah Melinda Smith, daughter of Hattie (sometimes also Hittie, b. Eastham, 1812), daughter of Myrick and Sarah Myrick Smith) and Lewis Smith, (b. Orleans, May 22, 1810; d. October 29, 1883) a fisherman who retired to Eastham. Hattie Smith was the granddaughter of Myrick Smith, also a master mariner who retired to Eastham as a farmer.

Hattie L. Rogers, daughter of Abner and Hannah (Smith) Rogers inherited the property. She married Arthur F. Smith. Their children, Alton L. Smith, Carlton W. Smith and Roger I. Smith released their inheritance to their father in 1940.

After inheriting the property in 1948, the children sold to Ralph F. and Louise M. Jennings of Norton in 1950.

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EAS.1

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Community: Eastham
Property Address: 155 State Highway

Area Form No. 1

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement

Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by: Dianne L. Siergiej
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The property at 155 State Highway is significant on a local level with regard to the above-referenced criteria as a well-preserved example of a gable-end, side-entry cottage with Queen Anne detail and for its association with Abner L. Rogers, a sea captain and farmer.



Original yellow form: Eligibility file _____
Copies: Inventory form X _____
Town file(w/corresp.) _____
Macris _____
NR director _____

Community: Eastham

MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received: 10/16/95

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 12/6/95

Type: X Individual

 District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name:

Inventory Form: EAS.1

Address: 155 State Highway

Requested by: Eastham Historical Commission

Action: X Honor ITC Grant R & C Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review: BF

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

X Eligible
 Eligible, also in district
 Eligible only in district
 Ineligible
 More information needed

DISTRICTS

 Eligible
 Ineligible
 More information needed

CRITERIA: A B X C D

LEVEL: X Local State National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Betsy Friedberg

The Queen Anne-style house at 155 State Highway is a rare example of the style in Eastham. Despite the blocking in of one window and the replacement of some others, the building retains integrity--including elaborate shingling--and fulfills Criterion C of the National Register.